New Pollution Free Vehicles

† 2995. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vehicles have not become fully pollution free despite the use of CNG;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are going to take any other effective steps to run pollution free vehicles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. CNG reduces emission of Carbon Monoxide (CO), Hydrocarbons (HC)i" Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) and Particulate Matter (PM) and black smoke emission. But it is likely to increase emission of gases like methaife (CH4) and Carbon dioxide (Co2)

(c) and (d) Ministry of Non-Conventional ^Energy Sources is implementing a programme on demonstration of battery operated vehicles through nodel agencies and departments in the state and union territories. However there are still some operational difficulties, poor performance reliability, high cost, lack of adequate infra-structure needed for mass production and deployment of battery operated vehicles in the country.

Fake oil and Filters

† 2996. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARD A: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a flood of fake oil and filters in the country;

(b) if so, whether some persons have been apprehended recently in Delhi; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.